— GIST technology to facilitate multi-lingual processing

— Internet enabled Word processor (LEAP)

— Spell Checkers

— OCR Software

— Machine Assisted Translation System

— Localized LINUX (INDIX)

— Text to speech software

— Corpus Management Tools

— Authoring tools

(d) For speeding up the development process:

— the projects are monitored periodically.

— ZOPP workshops of the TDIL Resource Centres are conducted to evolve consensus on objectives, strategy, sharing of R&D.

— Language Technology Business Meet is organized to facilitate dialog between Language Technology developers and industry aiming at transfer of technology / collaboration development.

Demarche to Pakistan to Handover Criminals

*115. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued a fresh Demarche to Pakistan on the 11th of February, 2002, asking them to hand-over 20 criminals and terrorists sought by India;

(b) whether it is a fact that most of the 20 criminals have Interpol red corner notices against them; and

(c) if so, what pressure, at diplomatic level, Government have applied so far on Pakistan if it is not willing to follow the example of the United Arab Emirates for handing over such terrorists to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) On 31st December 2001, Government handed over to Pakistan a consolidated list of 20 fugitives from law who have given safe haven in Pakistan. Government asked the Pakistani

authorities to apprehend and hand them over they could be brought to justice for the crimes committed in India. On 11th February 2002, India reiterated this demand, and also pointed out to Pakistan that the authorities of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), acting as per current international norms, deported to India two individuals responsible for the attack on the American Cultural Center in Kolkatta. The UAE authorities had not insisted upon time-consuming procedures of extradition, which which was very much in keeping with the requirements of the international campaign against terrorism.

Government have indicated to Pakistan that of the 20 fugitives from law that figure on the list handed over to Pakistan on 31st December 2001, 15 individuals have Interpol Red Corner notices issued them. This provides sufficient basis for Pakistan to take action. It is well known that according to Interpol norms, resolutions, decisions and procedures red notices are documents intended for both the police and the judicial authorities and can be considered valid requests for provisionl arrest, because they are only issued on the basis of valid national warrants. Pakistan can also take action under a bilateral cooperative arrangement, which had been arrived at in 1989 by the Director-CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) in India and Pakistan's Director General-FIA (Federal Investigation Agency). Under this arrangement both agencies act as nodal agencies in their respective countries, to locate and trace out fugitives from law, and to arrange handing over of such wanted and absconding criminals to their respective counterpart without going through cumbersome and time-consuming procedures.

Government are firmly resolved to continue taking all measures necessary to defeat Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India. This includes, appropriately and effectively, highlighting to the international community is pertaining to Pakistan's continued sponsorship of cross border terrorism. India has received widespread support for its strong determination to resist terrorism unit it is decisively crushed. The consensus in the internatonal community is that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.

Cut on Central Financial Assistance

*116. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to cut 15% Central Financial Assistance to the States; and